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Report from Cape Colony—Plague—Examination for plague-infected rodents—Infectious diseases.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
CAPE TOWN, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE,
December 29, 1904.

The following report by the medical officer of health for the Colony on the occurrence of bubonic plague in the Cape Colony for the week ended December 24, 1904, is published for general information.

NOEL JANISCH,
Under Colonial Secretary.

Port Elizabeth.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital one native male was discharged. Two cases remain under treatment. Two hundred and twenty rats (5 found dead) and 133 mice (6 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 1 rat and 1 mouse proved to be plague infected.

East London.—No case of plague has been discovered during the week.^a Sixty-six rats (26 found dead) and 67 mice (17 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 3 rats and 2 mice proved to be plague infected.

Other districts of the Colony.—No plague infection was discovered either in man or animals. Three hundred and eighty rodents were examined during the week from the Cape Town harbor board area and shipping in the harbor, and 482 were examined by the medical officer of health for the city from the Cape Town municipal area.

A. JOHN GREGORY,
Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

Return of cases of infectious disease in the Cape division for the week ended December 24, 1904.

Local authority.	Scarlet fever.		Diphtheria.		Enteric (typhoid) fever.		Tuberculosis.	
	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.
Cape Town.....			2		1	1	1	2
Woodstock.....	2				2			
Maitland.....			1					
Mowbray.....			1			2	1	
Claremont.....		1						
Wynberg.....								
Cape Divisional Council.....								2
Total.....	2	1	4		3	3	2	5

From the following local authorities no returns have been received: Green and Sea Point, Rondebosch, Kalk Bay, and Simon's Town municipalities, and Glen Lily, Fairfield, and Parow Village management board.

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Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

^aA native adult male was found dead on the 25th instant and was proved to have died of plague.